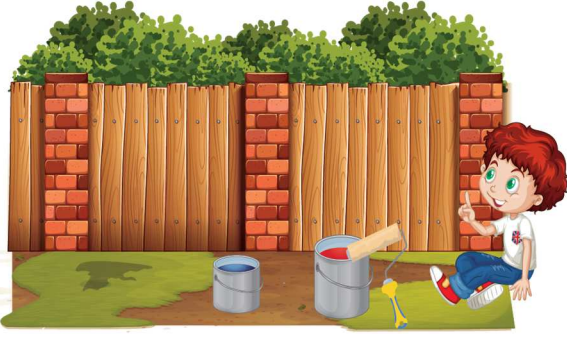


What's the Rush?



Adam sat staring at the fence that bordered his backyard. His mother assigned him the task of painting it before the end of the summer. She left the scheduling up to him, and he had been putting it off for weeks. The warm summer days just made him feel a little lazy, and he was not looking forward to the messy job.

Procrastination had become his best friend, but summer vacation was quickly drawing to a close, and Adam was trying hard to motivate himself to get started. He knew his mother would be very disappointed if he did not finish the job on time.

Adam grabbed a paintbrush and set the open can of paint on the ground beside him. When his mother walked out into the backyard, she smiled and told him he would be as old as Grandma Moses by the time he finished painting his masterpiece. He asked her who Grandma Moses was. She chuckled and told him to look it up later after he finished painting the fence.



1. What job did Adam's mother assign him to do?
☐ paint the fence
☐ clean out the garage
☐ wash the car
☐ clean his room
2. Adam was supposed to have the fence painted by the end of the _____.
☐ month
☐ summer
☐ week
☐ day
3. Adam was feeling _____ and kept putting off the painting job.
☐ scared
☐ lazy
☐ sad
☐ angry
4. His mother told him he would be as old as _____ before he finished.
☐ Grandma Moses
☐ their neighbor
☐ his grandfather
☐ his Aunt Mary
5. Based on the story, what do you think Grandma Moses is famous for doing?
☐ singing
☐ dancing
☐ writing
☐ painting